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On the scroll of fame some names are written in letters of blood and carved by the blade of the sword, some in the purple that belongs to kings, and some in the cramped hand of suffering, but among them all there stands not one that flashes forth more brightly or that will endure longer than that of Samuel Hahnemann, the immortal discoverer of homeopathy.

Samuel Hahnemann was born in the Electorate of Saxony, April 10, 1755. "His father was a designer in a porcelain factory, and a man of the soundest ideas of what was good and worthy, which he implanted deeply in the mind of his son. To live and act without pretence or show was his most noteworthy precept, and his example was even more impressive than his words." From an early age, the boy received from his father, every day, "thinking lessons." "I must teach that boy to think," was the remark again and again repeated by him. That he succeeded, the fact that we are here tonight proves.

His early life was one long struggle for knowledge in the face of almost grinding poverty. At the age of twenty he set out for Leipzig with his patrimony of twenty thalers and a letter from his teachers to the professors at the university. Here he attended lectures by day, and spent his nights in translating from English into German. He eventually became a most accom-

plished linguist. At the age of twenty-two he was master of Latin, Greek, English, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Hebrew, Syriac, Arabic, and had some knowledge of Chaldaic. In this way he was preparing himself for the great work of the future.

He obtained his degree as doctor of medicine in 1779. He had supported himself while at his studies, and continued to do so, while waiting for patients, by translating and annotating the works of various medical writers with voluminous quotations from innumerable other authors; it was this that led him to master so many languages. His extracts show a thorough familiarity with the authorities he quotes.

As his practice increased his dissatisfaction with the vagueness and uncertainty of all medical treatment increased likewise. Medicine was called an inexact science. It was founded on a basis of individual authority which imposed certain names upon forms of sickness, guessed at what was the cause of the disease, and then guessed again at what would cure it, and since there was a considerable uncertainty as to both the cause and the remedy, a number of the latter were combined so to insure something helping. In a letter to another physician Hahnemann writes: "It was agony to me to walk always in darkness with no other light than that which could be derived from books, when I had to heal the sick, and to prescribe according to such and such an hypothesis concerning diseases, substances which owed their place in the *Materia Med-*

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ica to an arbitrary decision. I could not conscientiously treat the unknown morbid conditions of my suffering brethren by these unknown medicines, which, being very active substances, may (unless applied with the most rigorous exactness, which the physician cannot exercise, because their peculiar effects have not yet been examined) so easily occasion death, or produce new affections and chronic maladies, often more difficult to remove than the original disease. To become the murderer or tormentor of any of my brethren was to me an idea so frightful and overwhelming that soon after my marriage I renounced the practice of medicine, that I might no longer incur the risk of doing injury, and I engaged exclusively in chemistry and literary occupations." (Bradford's "Life.")

Again he says: "It soon struck me that I was called upon to admit, in the practice of medicine, a great deal that was not proved. If I was called to attend a patient I was to collect his symptoms, and next to infer from these symptoms that a certain internal condition of the organs existed, and then to select such a remedy as the medical authorities asserted would be useful under such circumstances. But it is very evident that the argument is most inconclusive, and that room was thus left for many serious errors, and so I determined to investigate the whole matter for myself from the very beginning." (*Ib.*)

He reasoned in this way: Nature is a reign of law. There is a reason back of every phenomenon, a cause for every effect, and there is a law, fixed and immutable, which connects every effect with its cause. Disease and its remedy must be under law, or else they form an exception to the whole analogy of Nature, which is inconceivable. Again, it is contrary to Nature that there should be many laws governing the same effect; there is one law of gravitation, not a score; hence there must be one fixed and definite law governing the selection of the remedy for

disease. It was this he set about to discover.

When translating the second volume of Cullen's *Materia Medica*, he had been struck by the similarity of the symptoms produced by Peruvian bark and those found in intermittent fever, for which it was the recognized remedy, and proceeded to experiment on himself and others, thus confirming the fact of the similarity.

To know the effects of a drug, he reasoned, it was necessary to know its action on the healthy body; the effects observed when administered to the sick were masked by the symptoms of the disease.

Systematically he set to work to make "provings," as he termed them, of various single drugs, on healthy persons. Having thus collected a vast mass of data, he proceeded to test the truth of the theory he had conceived, that the remedy which produced a given set of symptoms in the well person would cure the like symptoms in the sick. At first the result was rather to aggravate them. He reduced the dose and found that his theory of *Similia similibus curantur*, which he named Homeopathy, was verified, and at the same time discovered the necessity of attenuating, even to infinitesimal proportions, the remedy employed.

Only after years of experiment, and verifying his theory a thousand times, did he venture to proclaim his discovery. He began his investigations in 1790, and published it for the first time, in an article in *Hufeland's Journal*, in 1796. "The Organon," setting it forth in all its fullness, was not published until 1810.

As an honest man he does not claim the whole credit of the discovery, but points out that the idea had been in the minds of not a few from Hippocrates down. He writes: "There have been physicians from time to time, who had *presentiments* that medicines, by their power of producing analogous morbid symptoms, would cure analogous morbid conditions" ("Organon"), and then he quotes them. What Hah-

nemann did was to confirm those pre-sentiments and proclaim the law.

The success of the new treatment was such as to arouse a storm of jealous opposition, ridicule, and persecution. The arm of the law was invoked. Hahnemann and others that practiced homeopathy were driven from city to city, and every obstacle thrown in the way of its advocates. It was assailed then as now, not by scientific attempts to prove its falsity, but by personal abuse, laughter, and ostracism. The practitioners of the old school simply refused then, as now, to investigate its claims, and denied the truth of the reports of those who did. They obstinately refused to experiment, and yet they boasted of being "scientific men." Men to-day are ever ready to listen to new theories, and eager to try every proprietary remedy, from Koch's lymph to the latest coal tar preparation advertised in the journals, Séquard's elixir, or to adopt any treatment that is backed up by a well-known name, yet absolutely refuse to experiment with homeopathic remedies, on the ground that they are irrational; or, if they do experiment, do so in utter disregard of the law by which they should be administered. Hahnemann was wonderfully successful with belladonna, in an epidemic of scarlatina. Some time afterwards, "a malignant purple fever, with scarcely a remote resemblance to scarlatina," made its appearance in the same locality, and was treated by the fraternity with belladonna, which failed to cure, whereupon Hahnemann and his system were denounced as fraud and a failure. Yet Homeopathy is no esoteric system which can only be practiced by the initiated. It has no secret teaching. Its books, manuals and remedies are within the reach of all. It requires no faith. It is as effective with the dog or the horse as with man. All it asks of either physician or layman is an honest trial. Give the remedy in accordance with the law and in the homeopathic dose, and it will cure, where a cure is possible. Is it scientific or rational to refuse to experiment, or to

refuse to conduct the experiment under the prescribed conditions, and then, on purely theoretical grounds, to deny that the results claimed are obtained or possible?

One striking fact may be mentioned: There is scarcely a disease in which the routine practice has not changed its treatment time and again in the past fifty years. A text-book ten years old is out of date. New remedies are constantly being proposed, lauded, and abandoned. The disagreement of physicians is proverbial.

"Like a prompt sculler, one physician
tries

With all his skill, and all his arts he
plies.

But two physicians, like a pair of
oars,

Will waft you swiftly to the Stygian
shores."

On the other hand, the homeopathic remedies suggested a century ago are still in daily use and prescribed for the same symptoms. The writings of the fathers are as valuable to-day as when first written; and nine out of ten homeopathic physicians will give the identical remedy in any given case. It is simply the difference between the guesswork of the artisan and the calculation of the mathematician, between anarchy and law.

For a hundred years homeopathy has been before the world. It has been opposed, ridiculed, harassed, and persecuted as nothing else, save the religion of Christ, ever has been, and, like that, it has won its way and will endure as long as the earth lasts. Like that, its effects are felt even where its truth is denied.

There is not a civilized, scarcely an uncivilized, country on the globe whither it has not extended. Slowly, but surely, it is winning recognition. Every year sees its banner floating over new territory won. Sullenly, bitterly, obstinately, fiercely, by fair means and by foul, its progress is opposed, but the end is always success. "Onward" is its watch-word. It never retreats. Mighty is truth, and it will prevail.

Its influence has revolutionized the practice of medicine. Prescriptions are no longer written calling for a score of drugs, in the wild hope that some of them might reach the disease. Doses have been minimized, and medicines given in pleasing forms. The pellet has taken the place of the bolus, the capsule of the draught. Bleeding is unknown. Homeopathic remedies innumerable, in homeopathic doses, and prescribed on homeopathic indications, are used by those who scoff at the system. The Homeopathic Materia Medica has been appropriated by more than one writer—*e. g.*, Ringer, but no honest acknowledgment is here. It is here, as with the infidel, who grows eloquent over the sanctity of home, the elevation of woman, the holiness of childhood, the iniquity of slavery and the brotherhood of man, and yet scorns the religion which first proclaimed all this to the world.

In 1834 there were four homeopathic physicians in the United States; to-day there are fourteen thousand. Our homeopathic colleges and hospitals are found everywhere; our remedies are for sale at all the drug stores; one pharmacy in our own city sells many millions of tablets every year, and it is only one of many manufactories. The Kansas City Homeopathic Medical College was established in 1888, with no funds on hand. To-day it owns property worth \$16,000, and rejoices in a hundred graduates.

The public does not appreciate the benefit derived from the various medical schools in our city. *In this college alone, 5994 patients have been treated and 146 operations performed during the past year.* The others have done in the same proportion. Without these clinics all these cases, with possibly a few exceptions, would have been treated by private charity or at the city's expense, with a very considerable increase of taxation. During the past nine months there have been 1049 medical students in Kansas City. Estimating the expenditure of each at \$450, which is a fair average, we find that nearly half a million dollars has been

left in circulation from this source. The indirect benefits are inestimable.

Graduates of '98, standing on the threshold of life, as one who knows by experience what is before you, and speaks the convictions of his heart, I bid you a hearty welcome into the bosom of a profession, one of the grandest and noblest possible for man.

The practice of medicine is not only a profession, it is a devotion. He who would be, in the true meaning of the word, a physician, must consecrate himself, body, soul, and intellect, to the science. It must be his life, himself. Medicine is an altar on which self must be sacrificed. Your time, your labor, your thoughts, your comfort, your health, your life must laid there as a willing offering. Nothing can be kept back.

Why have you selected this profession? simply as a means of livelihood, because you dream of wealth, ease, position, in a respectable calling? If so, stop now! I beseech you come no further. Pollute not our sacred temple with your unworthy presence. The place you would enter is a sanctuary. Here is holy ground. The secrets of Nature's shrine can only be revealed to the true and worthy. To force your way, as did Pompey of old into the Most Holy Place of Israel's Temple, will be but to share his fate. He found it empty, but in that hour the star of his destiny set forever. Go! become honest merchants, laborers; anything—not physicians.

I said that medicine was a devotion, and I mean it. Her disciple must be a devotee. To the one who has studied her mysteries, reveled in her secrets, communed with her spirit, and learned to love her for herself, there is awakened an enthusiasm, a joy, a devotion, akin to idolatry.

As the heart of the soldier quickens at the approach of battle, and in the excitement of the conflict he forgets everything except the call of duty, so the true physician, when the horrid forms of disease and death draw near, girds on his armor. A human life is the prize, and to save it he will give

his own. The physician who does not love his vocation, whose heart has never thrilled with enthusiasm, who knows not the exquisite joy of the devotee—God pity him, God pity him!

Will you enter the gates of our temple? Will you give your whole self an oblation for our altar? You have counted the costs? Then welcome! Be true; be loyal.

It will be yours to stand at the vestibule of life and hear the wail of the newborn babe just entering its mysteries, and to watch the last struggle when the weary soul tears itself loose from the clay that holds it. Your place will be at the bedside of pain. Your heart will be torn by the wild cry of sorrow. Your lips must speak words of comfort to those who mourn. Your hands will minister to many a weary sufferer. Into your ears will be poured the sad story of disease, and the sadder story of sorrow and sin. You will not be merely the doctor, but the confidant and friend of men and women of every age and station, and in the most sacred concerns of life and honor. From you there will be no secrets.

Never forget your responsibilities. Be true. You have the honor of the whole profession in your keeping. The honor of your patients is in your hands. Hold each confidence inviolably sacred. The grave should not be more silent.

There are peculiar dangers that will beset you. Remember that all-seeing eye that rests upon you. "If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there; if I go down to hell, Thou art there also. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me, then shall my night be turned into day; yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to Thee are both alike." The physician who is true to himself, his patients, his profession, and his God is the noblest of men; but he who prostitutes his glorious calling to selfish, mean, ignoble, sensual ends is unworthy of the name, and heaven has no curse too terrible to launch upon his guilty head.

Be loyal. Remember you are to be homeopathic physicians. By the acceptance and use of that title you pledge your honor to the world to practice medicine in conformity to the God-ordained law discovered by the immortal Hahnemann. Be ever loyal to that law. What the Bible is to the theologian, that must the "Organon" be to you. Know it; not merely read it, but mark, learn, and inwardly digest each paragraph, and more than that, practice it. Faith without works is dead, being alone.

Let the law be ever before you, a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Depart from it at not only your peril, but the peril of your patients.

It is not *a* law, but *the* law which governs the administration of all medicines. You may fail, but remember it is *you*, not the law. You did not follow it.

You owe a duty to your patients. The public is educated, and is growing more so. When a sick man calls in a homeopathic physician, it is because he wants and expects to be treated by the homeopathic ally. If he had desired some other kind of treatment, he would not have sent for you. The sick have rights that you are bound to respect. They trust to your honor. If you treat them otherwise than by the homeopathic law, you are acting dishonorably, are a deceiver, an impostor, a fraud. If homeopathic prescriptions, such as you can give, fail, honestly confess your ignorance and let the patient decide whether he will let you experiment upon him with empirical remedies or not; but to do so under the pretense of giving homeopathic treatment is to act a lie, to be disloyal to your profession, and to deal dishonorably with those who have trusted you. They asked for bread and you gave them a stone, and worse than that, have forced them to eat the stone, believing it to be bread.

I have all respect for the doctor or the journal that drops the title "homeopathic" because they have given up

the faith; but for either the one or the other who retains the name and yet practices or teaches what is contrary to the homeopathic law, only unmitigated and unutterable contempt.

But ye are children of the light. For four years the truth has been set before you. May you never lose its guiding ray.

In the wonderful caverns of Luray, in the mountains of Virginia, at the foot of a precipice, lies a human skeleton that has turned to stone. Long centuries ago, some bold explorer in the search of treasure, with torch in hand, edged his way through a narrow fissure and gazed for the first time on the wondrous beauty of that subterranean palace. Beckoned on by the spectral hands of a thousand stalagmite giants, he wended his way through hall and corridor. His face was reflected by a hundred stony mirrors, his voice re-echoed by rocky organ pipes, his ear enchanted by the music of unseen cascades, while roof, and floor, and wall and columned pillar, and phantom forms glowed, diamond flashing from the light of his glittering brand. He grows bolder. He steps quicker, and his heart beats faster to explore the wonders of this wonderland—this abode of the gods. He will know all. But look! his torch is burning low. The rich, bright flame is fading fast into a crimson glow. The falling drops hiss on it. The air grows thick and lurid. The light is failing fast. The drops that fall from caverned roof fall faster. They fall upon his blanched cheek like bolts from heaven; fall on his dying torch and hiss like serpents in his ears. He will return. He must hasten. His breath comes in gasps. He runs. Once does the flame flare up and light the way with bloody hues; before him is a fearful chasm. He starts aside. A giant pillar, like an angry stone god, bars his way. He turns. The light has gone out! The iron jaws of darkness close upon him. He is mad. He dashes backward—whither? A shriek that echoes and re-echoes like the mocking laugh

of hell breaks on the awful silence. Down, down he falls into the gaping depths below. None heard that cry. None hear his groans as the hours of mortal agony creep by. The darkness breaks not. Echoes mock his prayers. Death comes at last. The waters drop from vaulted caverns on that broken form. Slow centuries roll by, and I have stood and laid my hand upon that rash, bold man, now hard and cold and stony as the stone gods whose secrets he tried to penetrate; a monument to his own folly.

Behold the type of that system which in its pride of heart and rash self-confidence, turning its back upon the glorious light of God's eternal law, guided only by the torch of speculation, strives to penetrate the mysteries of medicine and bring forth from its wondrous labyrinth the priceless treasure of health.

TAXIS: WHEN AND HOW APPLIED: AND HOW FAR IT SHOULD BE CARRIED BEFORE HERNIOTOMY.

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This classic word, "taxis," is derived from the Greek and means "to arrange." It is a "methodical pressure exerted by the hand on a hernial tumor for the purpose of reducing it." To perform the taxis: place the patient in a position to reduce all abdominal muscles which contract around the mouth of the sac; fix, as far as it is possible, the mouth and neck of the sac with the fingers of one hand, whilst the fundus of the tumor is held in the palm of the other, the object being to dilate the mouth of the sac and diminish the bulk of the protrusion, the fact being borne in mind that irreparable injury is frequently inflicted upon the herniotic bowel by violence, and the danger of mischief by the use of the taxis increases in proportion to the length of time the bowel has been strangulated.

As soon as the voluntary muscular contraction ceases, make gentle and well preconcerted pressure, and if the taxis succeed, the tumor will gradually become softer or less elastic, smaller and of different shape, until it escapes from the mouth of the sac, accompanied by a gurgling sound, and returns to the abdominal cavity.

The taxis should be aided by the use of chloroform and inversion of the patient. By inversion is meant the patient should be grasped by the feet and turned upside down, the head and shoulders resting upon the bed or floor. Before it is practiced, the bladder and rectum must be emptied.

The circumstances of the case will largely govern the surgeon in his behavior. In general, it is correct to resort to the taxis in recent cases of strangulation, before symptoms of shock or collapse have appeared. Sir Ashley Cooper cites a case in which the patient died within eight hours after strangulation supervened, and Baron Larry mentions one in which death took place in a still shorter period. It is proper in those cases generally in which there are no urgent symptoms. If strangulation has existed for such length of time as to produce inflammation, adhesions, rapid pulse and accelerated respiration, with stercoraceous vomiting, the taxis is clearly contra-indicated and must not be resorted to at all.

The length of time the taxis may be continued will vary with the age of the patient, constitutional conditions as to health, the condition of the hernia when first seen by the surgeon, the existing symptoms as to respiration, character of vomiting, pain, and all the conditions present. The environment of the patient will also, in many cases, exercise a controlling influence. By environment is understood whether the patient is treated in the hospital, or in private practice in the city or country. In the hospital very little time is lost in practicing the taxis; in favorable cases, where the conditions will warrant, this manipulation will be tried for

a short time, say from ten minutes to half an hour; this allows time enough to get the instruments ready to operate. At the expiration of this period, the hernia not yielding, herniotomy is promptly done. In private practice in the city the taxis is only practiced till the consent of the patient or friends is secured to operate in cases of necessity. The taxis failing to restore the rupture, herniotomy is immediately made. In the country, where the patient is remote from a surgeon, in cases in which the strangulation has existed for some hours, it frequently happens that the period for the application of the taxis is past before the arrival of the medical adviser, and the patient succumbs under unavoidable circumstances.

It is perfectly clear to the writer's mind that there is more danger in the taxis when prolonged by unskilled manipulation than there is in the operation of herniotomy; that most of the cases of death which result from strangulated hernia may be said to have been caused by ill-advised taxis by unskilled persons; by delayed consent of the patient or friends to operate; and by failure, in some cases, of the surgeon to advise early operation.

Furthermore, it is true that if laparotomy is made early, then the operation for radical cure may be practiced in many cases, and the possibility of subsequent strangulation certainly removed. When done under the most scrupulous cleanliness, the dangers of herniotomy and the operation for radical cure are very slight.

Pix-Cresol is a chemical. The principle of manufacturing it is still retained but it is taken out of Norway fine tar.

Tommy: "Pa, what's a board of education?" Mr. Figgs: "When I went to school, it was a pine shingle."—*Clippings*.

Pix-Cresol will more promptly deodorize than any other chemical or compound or preparation on earth.

STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM No. 2, AT FULTON, MO.

The following syllabus of the work accomplished under the homeopathic administration, is taken from the *Medical Arena*, February number:

"It is entirely fitting that a few facts be stated that will lead to a better knowledge on the part of the taxpayers and citizens of the State who are more interested in these than in defamation and quackery yelps.

As just stated, when the homeopaths took charge of the Fulton asylum, April 12, 1897, the asylum was full, containing 643 patients.

When the old school was in charge, twenty of the inmates rendered service to the institution.

April 12, 1896, to December 12, 1897, the average daily cost per capita was 46½ cents.

"The amount voted by the Legislature for the support of the institution was \$15,000.

Upon taking charge the amount paid employees was \$2,850 per month.

Up to April 12, 1897, the former management had already used \$6,798 of the \$15,000 appropriation.

Dr. Coombs soon found that he could make arrangements whereby seventy more could be accommodated, by utilizing existing space. On December 12, 1897, the number had increased to 687. A lawn of six acres was made with 5,000 loads of earth at an expense of but \$50 to the State.

Now one hundred are at work.

For the corresponding period of 1897, the cost was 42 1-5 cents, with an increased purchase of 30,000 pounds of beef and 500 pounds of bacon.

Now the amount is \$2,462.

Now the fund accredited the institution is \$14,000, showing that under the wiser and more discreet management of Dr. Coombs the institution has not only maintained itself, but has actually earned a net sum. This saving was secured notwithstanding the fact that a complete water plant was added to the institution whereby fresh water is continuously pumped all over the buildings.

"So much for the taxpayer and the commercial aspect of the advent of homeopathy into the Fulton Asylum. But, from another standpoint, a greater saving has been secured, and one that appeals equally to all citizens of the State. It is the cure of the insane and the saving of life.

From April 12, 1896, to December 12, 1896, fifty-eight cases were discharged and thirty-seven died.

During the corresponding period of this year sixty-eight cases were discharged and twenty-eight died. In other words, the homeopaths cured ten more and saved the lives of nine.

"The explanation of accident does not apply, as other asylums where homeopathy is practiced tell the same tale. The Middleton State Homeopathy Hospital, New York, has been in operation since 1874. The whole number treated to September 30, 1895, was 4,524; recoveries, 1,645; deaths, 65; percentage of recoveries, 66; percentage of deaths, 14. In the old-school hospitals of that State the whole number treated was 45,849; recoveries, 10,683; deaths, 9,003; percentage of recoveries, 23; percentage of deaths, 19. In other words, out of every hundred, homeopathy secured thirteen more recoveries and saved five lives.

"It is not an innovation, as the speakers would have us believe, for homeopaths to be entrusted with State insane asylums. The homeopaths have two in New York and one in each of the following named States: Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and California. All show a like contrast when compared with old-school asylums. Even at the one in Michigan, at Ionia, where the insane criminals of the State are confined, the homeopathic treatment shows a larger percentage of cures and fewer deaths than does the record of the old-school asylums of the State where no criminals are received.

"The pedantic and unwarranted assumption that allopathy includes all there is of science in medicine has been so often exposed and refuted that it is

hardly necessary to recall the fact that science is conformity to law, that allopaths themselves say they have no therapeutic law; while the homeopaths found their practice almost wholly upon the law that a drug that in physiologic dose produces certain symptoms will in small dose relieve similar symptoms in the sick. Ipecac in large doses produces nausea and vomiting. In a small dose it will cure similar symptoms in the sick, when not produced by ipecac. Some of the most eminent old-school doctors attest this fact. The facts relating to ipecac. sustained by like facts in experiments with other drugs, become a law with homeopaths in prescribing for the sick, and rightly do they insist upon it as a law. It is therefore plainly to be seen where science in therapeutics belongs.

"It is a fact, also, that homeopaths pass the same examinations before boards of health as do the allopaths, in States requiring an examination. Down in Arizona the other day, of five candidates who took the examination of that old-school board, only the homeopath was found qualified for practice. To say the very least, the nineteen homeopathic medical colleges of the country require just as thorough a medical education as is required by the old school. In view of these facts, the absurdity of classing homeopaths with quacks and charlatans becomes as ludicrous as it is idiotic.

"The statement that all outside the old school are organized politically, as an explanation that the allopaths are losing their political grip, is universally known to be false. Homeopaths have secured a footing in State institutions because the average legislator is not greatly interested in medical battles further than to see that justice is done. But when appeal is made to him, as a matter of right and justice, he respects it. In this way has homeopathy made political progress. In this way and on this principle will allopathy share still more in the future with homeopathy."

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE (KALI MUR.).

BY DR. L. J. WORTHEN, PAOLA, KANSAS.

I am prompted to ask how many members of the profession have thoroughly investigated this salt? How many use it for anything but the so-called key-note symptoms of a white or gray exudation, coating of the tongue, or mucous lining of the throat or tonsils?

If closely studied, it will be found to greatly relieve symptoms worst from motion, and where the stomach is made worse from fatty foods.

Let us look over some of the conditions benefited by this salt.

In asthma, when stomach is out of order, much cough with no expectoration, or if same is white, thick, and hard to cough up, this salt will bring good results.

In bronchitis, second stage, much cough, scanty, thick tough phlegm, white coated tongue, kali mur. will aid you. The swelling following a bruise is greatly benefited by kali mur., by reducing the same and arresting the inflammation. In burns and scalds it is the chief remedy to restore burned tissue, and here it should be used externally as well as internally. A cerate, made of kali mur. 30x, is a wonderful remedy for the early stages of granulated lids, and will if taken in time, often abort the inflammation, and nothing more is needed. This salt may be thought of in catarrh. A faithful, persistent application of kali mur. to a corn of the feet (soft or hard) will cure by throwing off the hard excrescences. This is a fact, and has brought many shekels in my exchequer.

Kali mur. 6x given in croup is a sovereign remedy, and many times will save the little victims much suffering, and the parents the expense of a funeral. I know one remedy better, and that is the black iodide of lime. Many talk of changing with ter. phos. or calc. flor., or kali phos., where there is danger of collapse; but there is no such danger if the case is treated right, providing that you are called within a reasonable time. Keep the bowels

open and give kali mur. from the 3x to the 30x, and good results will crown your efforts.

Now dropsy will yield to this salt every time if the fluid is a white snowy appearance.

White tongue epilepsy, caused by worms or vicious habits of sexual nature, can be benefited if not cured by this salt, and in many instances cured if patient is watched and cared for. Given freely between the paroxysms, it is most sure to bring pleasant results. Never give too low, begin with the 6x and go to the 12x, and diet carefully in epilepsy resulting from uterine troubles. It would be well to think of kali phos., and at the menstrual time mag. phos. Many times a hint such as I give here will be of great service, hence my excuse for this article. Hoping that it will be kindly accepted, and if kept in mind, I am quite sure will be a benefit to those using this salt in the manner in which I have described.

Scalds and burns are readily healed by the Byro-Cresol Cerate No. 2; also, Calenduline and Pix-Cresol will relieve pain and cure promptly.

TREATMENT OF DIPSOMANIA.

BY CHAS. OTT, M.D.

Dipsomania or drunkenness becomes a disease when alcoholic liquors are used continuously and excessively. If it is a disease, it ought to be amenable to treatment. It is so. Every physician ought to know how to take hold of the poor, degraded slave of alcohol and render him such aid that he may become free if he will.

How can it be done? That question has been asked many a time by members of the profession. Let me here subjoin some hints that may be very useful, even should they not be entirely original.

We must divide our patients into two classes: those who long to become free and those who don't care. We can cure them all, if they submit, but the last named class usually relapses.

One of the chief necessities is *will-power*. We must make that plain to our patients, must develop it as best we can. One of the chief defects of the "Keeley cure" is the impression made that they need no exertion of will-power; they are "*made to quit*." That is true. By a clever trick a disgust is created and thereby he is almost forced to quit. He does quit, but only so long as this disgust lasts.

But we must also use medicinal agents; chief among these are nux vomica, strychnine, tincture cinchona, coca, and the preparations of gold. In those cases where there is a real and earnest desire to be free, the treatment may in most cases be accomplished by the use of two remedies. Nux vomica, or rather its alkaloid, strychnine, the nitrate of strychnine, is most extensively used. Give an adult one, two or three 1-grain tablets of the 2x triturate two or three times a day. Care must be taken to watch for the effect of the strychnine and thus avoid an over-dose. It is safe to give 1-100—3-100 of a grain. Then give two or three times a day 15—50 drops of tincture of red Peruvian bark (tincture cinchona rubra, made at the Kansas City Homeopathic Pharmacy).

This treatment is harmless and will prove effective in most cases. But there are some cases where it will not succeed. Then the following method may be recommended.

Let the patient drink brandy till he has "his fill." Then inject a sufficient quantity of apomorphia hypodermically to create nausea, but do not make him vomit. In order to do that, begin with a minimum dose and increase gradually till the desired effect is reached. Repeat this once every day and very soon your toper will want no more whisky. He loathes it as we do other things that have "gone against us." At the same time give the strychnia and cinchona rubra to prevent a collapse, and continue in slowly decreasing quantities until you have "cured" your patient. Of course, if you desire you may use in place of the cinchona rubra any other tonic, such as eucalyptus cordial, etc.

This may not be exactly the "Keeley

cure," but it does the work in curable cases and has the advantage that it does not leave the bad effects so often found with the former.

PIX-CRESOL.

Drs. Carr and McFarland, of Sedalia, do not hesitate in expressing their entire confidence in Pix-Cresol. They report one case where Boro-Pix No. 1 (Pix-Cresol and Boracic Acid powder) used as dry dressing in an indolent and most persistent ulceration of the os uteri, where much treatment and many other remedies were used, produced a speedy and complete cure. They find it valuable in many forms of dressings, also in douche after operation, curetting, etc.

PINUS OINTMENT IN THE SICK-ROOM.

Pinus Ointment (Wise's).—This preparation is highly recommended as a purifying balsams are indescribably aromatic and restoring, and as the balmy in the sick-room, especially for lung disease, zymotic conditions, and in all cases where confinement is necessary. Dissolved in boiling water, its outflow-samic vapors unite with the odorous substances in the air, the same are promptly forming hydrogen oxide, clearing and purifying in a way only equaled by ozone, thereby not only promoting the health of the patient, relieving the suffering and making the surroundings pleasant, but also preventing contagion, not only to nurse or physician, but preventing contagious germs from being carried to other families. Wise's Pinus Ointment—the base being free of all animal grease, and the fine quality of ethereal oil used makes it incomparably superior to any other on the market.

Wise's never becomes rancid or sour (as now put up); warranted to keep, and the fumigating recommended proves claim made, the last being even sweeter than the first fumes. The fumigating is done by putting a spoonful of ointment in an open vessel of boiling

water and keeping it slowly boiling. The price of Wise's Pinus Ointment is far below a much inferior preparation.

PASSIFLORA INCARNATA IN INSOMNIA SPASMS.

From a paper read before the Chicago Academy of Medicine and published in the *Medical Era* of December, 1892, we extract the following concerning *passiflora*:

"It is a neurotic, anti-spasmodic, soporific, anodyne and sedative. It has special action on the ganglionic cells of the gray matter of the cord.

"It exerts a special influence over the ganglia of the thorax, pelvis and abdominal regions, and generally quiets the excitement of the medulla oblongata.

"In insomnia it acts like a charm, without any unpleasant after-effects. It is valuable in neurosis and reliable in tonic spasms which are present in a great number of cases of spinal meningitis, and it will prevent chronic spasms.

"In the nervous affections following congestion of the cord and ganglionic centers, it produces a quieting effect not produced by any other remedies, in the rapid, irregular respiration, due to irritation of the medulla. It is a specific in pains of the heart, when there is a great fear of immediate dissolution and constant fear of death, with an irregular pulse.

"In the irregular pains of pregnancy its action is sure.

"In dysmenorrhea its action is decisive and pleasing, tiding the patient over the menstrual period with comfort.

"In facial neuralgia and neuralgia of the fifth pair of nerves, it is very useful.

"In insomnia from over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages it acts like a charm, given in full doses every hour until rest is produced. It relieves innervation of the nerve centres—sympathetic innervation, especially so in epilepsy, given at night when nightly attacks occur.

"In enlarged prostate, through its action upon the ganglia of the pelvis, it exerts a special action.

"In spasms of children you will be more than pleased with this remedy.

"In the middle stages of typhoid fever, in the initial stages of scarlet fever, where the great restlessness of the patient is so trying to the physician and friends.

"I have here presented quite a number of different manifestations in which the remedy is indicated, all depending in a greater or less degree upon the same conditions. They are only given as pointers, as it were, showing the large number of different manifestations depending upon the same parts at fault, in which it is admissible by its action upon these certain parts of the nervous system, by either not performing their functions or from an over-action."

THUJA FOR ANAL PROLAPSION.

Children and elderly persons are somewhat liable to protrusion of the anal folds during defecation. The defect hinges upon paresis of the fundamen—partial paralysis of the defecatory apparatus. Locally, stramonium may be employed to advantage, and so may hamamelis, but *thuja* is specifically a topical restorative. It may be injected hypodermically, or applied as a lotion, reduced or diluted with water. It may be compounded with stramonium, hamamelis, and glycerine, the combination proving curative or restorative. A small quantity of the mixture may be injected within the anal apparatus or utilized as a suppository. *Thuja* is an excellent remedy to be applied in "orificial surgery"; it stimulates the sphincters and favorably impresses "post-rectal ulcers." *Thuja* blows both hot and cold; it will impart tone to relaxed sphincters and relax a rigid grip. The agent operates salutarily upon hemorrhoids, and restrains the dribbling of vesical incontinence. No "orificial surgeon" should be with-

out the information here imparted. It will contribute pucker to the lips of a whistler, and prevent the involuntary discharge of flatus.

Wise's *Thuja Oil* and *Terreoleum* is highly recommended for treatment of this kind.

Piles Cured by Pix-Cresol.—Dr. Hartman writes that *Pix-Cresol* in suppositories, used in rectal trouble, has served him admirably and thinks it superior to any treatment. "So far have I been more than pleased with this treatment. Where there is much pain, I use *Rathany* and *Pix-Cresol* suppositories, but in most cases the *Pix-Cresol* is all that is needed."

THE THERAPEUTICS OF CONSTIPATION.

Alumina: No desire for stool. Difficult evacuation from want of peristaltic motion and dryness even when soft stool is passed (china), requiring great pressing (merc. prot.). Stools hard, knotty and scanty (graph., agar. and kali bi.), or soft and clinging to anus. Bad effects of lead (platina, opium), scanty and insufficient (carbo. veg., hepar, kali bi., nat. carb., nit. ac., ruta, verbasc., zinc). Vertigo, as if every thing were turning in a circle.

Bryonia: Constipation. Chronic constipation (verat. alb.). Stools large, hard (calc. carb., mag. mur.), and as if burnt (mag. mur.). Lips dry and parched. Thirst. Rheumatic tendency. Headache, as if skull would split by motion.

Causticum: Frequent and unsuccessful desire to pass stool, with red face and anxiety. Hard, tough stool (carbo. veg.), covered by mucus (hyd.), shining as if greased. Stool too small shaped (phos.), comes off in pieces (carbo. veg.), mag. mur.). Passes better while standing. Light-colored (pale, anacard; like chalk bell.), white stool (calc. carb.). Writhing pain in abdomen previous to stool. Excessive itching in anus day and night (caust., sil., sulph., nit. ac., calc. c.). Soft,

small stool, size of a goose quill (phos.). Constipation of children. Involuntary emissions of urine when coughing, sneezing or laughing, frequent and urgent desire to urinate with scanty emission. Thirst.

Plumbum: Stools consist of hard balls made up of smaller balls. Constipation with violent colic. Sensation of constriction in sphincter ani (see lyc. and nux), with ineffectual urging.

Veratrum alb.: Chronic constipation (long standing, lach., phytol., sarsap.), particularly in infants. Much straining with cold perspiration on head. Stool too large and hard (byr., calc. c., mag. mur.). Inactivity of rectum, it seems as if paralyzed (alum., opium).—*The Critique*.

FORTUNES TOLD BY THE FACE— NOSES.

Noses with wrinkles on the side, which never disappear, generally belong to money-getting natures.

Noses turned down and inward at the tip are generally found in money-saving people.

A prominent nose and bold chin are the most favorable combinations known to face-readers.

Men with noses that, when viewed in profile, appear arched, are generally witty and clever in conversation.

A deep cavity between the nose and the center of the upper lip is the sign of wit and sharpness.

Dr. Pettit, at the recommendation of Dr. Pratt, is using Pix-Cresol enemas as after-treatment of orificial work, particularly deep-seated abscesses and fetid discharges, with uniform success.

CLINICAL CHIPS.

Dutt has found chamomile useful in the treatment of the diarrheas of infancy. Rubeska gives a list of twenty-one cases of puerperal tetanus, of which only one recovered. For fresh wounds and ulcers Miller recommends the application of finely powdered sulphur;

in septic and tuberculous abscesses a 10 per cent solution with glycerin may be injected. If it burns, add cocaine. It is not best to wait until the cord has dropped off before the new baby has its bath. Broca reports a case of the delirium of persecution following the removal of a double cyst of the ovary and a fibroid. In an examination of the teeth of 20,000 recruits, Röse made the following observations: The harder the drinking water, the richer the soil in lime and magnesia, the freer are the teeth from caries; and, *vice versa*, the softer the water, the poorer the soil in magnesia, the more likely are the structures of the teeth to be invaded by caries. The recent death of a boy from eating buttercups has called forth a list of other poisonous flowers, among them the celadine, wood anemone, daffodils, marcissus, lily, snow-drop, jonquil, wild hyacinth, monk's hood, foxglove, nightshade, bryonia, mezerone and henbane.—*The Critique*.

RUBEOLA.

In a communication to *The Critique*, Dr. A. C. Stewart, of Durango, Col., describes a severe epidemic of rubeola with severe complications. Most of the cases convalesced in five or six days. Below appears the doctor's report in full:

"I owe *The Critique* a letter. We have been having quite an odd measles in our village; I have never seen it quite the same before. At least forty cases of it have come under my observation. It was endemic.

"The rash presented rather a suspicious scarlet 'speckle' at first, and I was not surprised to see the red patch with 'Scarlet Fever' in black letters floating before several of our homes. I did not, however, permit this menace to public quiet in my cases, but maintained a passive quarantine, and shut everybody out of school who came in contact with my patients.

"These patients usually took sick in the evening, and sometimes the next day, often in the early hours of the fol-

lowing morning, were covered with a rosy blush, which was followed in a few hours, usually first on the thighs and belly, with a mixed miliary and blotched angry red rash (itching, in some cases most intolerably). Now about this time the patients usually vomited once or twice, due to a disturbance of gastric circulation; but the appetite was not as yet markedly interfered with, until a sore throat, coming on in about twelve hours more, made the patient's life a burden for about eighteen hours.

"The angina was peculiar. The region of the glottis and extreme inferior portion of the pharynx is of a blackish red from arterial engorgement, whilst above this the parts are anemic almost to blueness. The swelling is slight. One case (a sweet girl of sixteen) passed into putrid pharyngeal ulceration, through the carelessness or ignorance, or both, of her doctor (I was the doctor), and she furnished a fine example of extension from the false cords to the vault and naso-pharynx, with an abundance of slough; and although the case passed nicely after a few days, the house has not lost the rich flavor consequent upon the combination of ulcerous slough and disinfectant, in the two weeks that have since intervened.

"As in all exanthemata, there were modifications, but typical cases ran from three to five days, in which the rash had come and gone. The temperature on evening of first and during second day goes to $104\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, with a good round pulse of 150—155. If this state of things is not interfered with (I meanly antipyretics), it will pass in a few hours and will be succeeded by rapid recovery.

"There is mild delirium; I mean that patient simply loses reason during the passing of the tempest. Owing to the short duration of the attack, the patient, although weak, is able to walk about on the fifth or sixth day.

"Eyes and ears not involved; bowels and bladder normal, as a rule. The measles smell is marked. I forgot to say that in psoric cases spasm is in-

evitable—rigid, tonic cerebral spasm; one case dying before I could do anything for it. I had a number of others, but the spasm, while multiple, grew mild and ceased.

"Medicines: If cases were met early, a few doses of bell. or bap. would do the doctor's end of it and leave Nature a chance; but I saw some of them that had been treated with almanac prescriptions of quinine or some of the other 'ines,' 'ides' or 'zymes,' upon book testimony of the manufacturers, and then, of course—the wolf in the flock—the loss of many lanbs.

"I lost no uncomplicated cases and only one complicated. I covered most of the cases. The diagnosis among our allopathic brethren was scarlet fever; mine was simple (miliary) measles. The real fact of the matter was, I did not know exactly what to call it, and at one time was strongly tempted to term it rotary lateral scoliosis, and I do not believe I would have been picked up on it. At first I thought I had hold of a severe rotheln, but desquamation, etc., upset that theory, and I had to fall back on measles.

"I have noticed no sequelæ in my cases, and I trust the disease will not be succeeded by itself."

The longer I practice the more I suffer from the host of *useless* symptoms, often marshalled under the banner of *Materia Medica*. How a man of ordinary intelligence finds his way through such a chaotic conglomeration surprises my comprehension.—*Dr. S. M. Worthington, from Medical Era.*

This was never more aptly put, and no question but the confusion thus occasioned to the new investigator causes many to turn away in disgust upon looking over this *excessive* complication of "*stuff*." We have but one life to live, and that is short enough.—*Ed.*

Wife (to young doctor)—"Hadn't you better call another physician to see my husband? just for consultation, you know.

Young Doctor.—"No, ma'am; my ideas are confused enough already."

CRATÆGUS OXYACANTHE IN THE TREATMENT OF HEART DISEASE.

This new preparation is certainly one which is ever welcome. Dr. Winter, of Columbus, Kas., suffering for years from insomnia caused by heart trouble, states that after the very first evening, when he took a dose of 10 drops, he slept undisturbed. Such an experience is not like one coming from a layman. Dr. Winter is an old practitioner, and knows well what he is talking about.

Miss Hollerman, aged 19, unable to lie on her back to sleep—in fact, must sit up, or her heart would jump out of her throat (as she puts it), is using *cratægus* with magnificent results.

Leo H—contracted from bicycling severe heart trouble, causing angina at the least agitation or exercise, with severe headaches. Nothing would help. Since taking *cratægus oxyacanthæ*, the young man is very much better.

Last year this remedy was introduced at too late an hour to obtain the real official preparation, and all sorts of liquids were dressed with the label bearing the name *cratægus*. *Cratægus oxyacanthæ* is a beautiful, clear, reddish tincture, of a peculiar fruit odor, and not at all unpleasant, may be given pure or in a little water.

Pix-Cresol loses no time, but gets there every time; so says Dr. Barrymore, who used it successfully in fifteen cases of diphtheria.

SAW PALMETTO.

Dr. J. M. Christy, of Butler, Missouri, one of the prominent professionals, as also financial successes, and as pleasant and affable a gentleman as we would wish to meet, freely relates to us his marked success in the use of Saw-Palmetto ϕ as a fat-producer, tissue-builder and glandular stimulant, correcting malnutrition and malassimilation. He uses from 20 to 60 drops at a dose three to four times a day, and finds his patients reporting gratifying

gains in weight as well as improvement in general health. In some cases the gain has been very rapid. He also prescribes it for prostatic difficulties, also as a stomachic. One case gained 20 pounds in five months above ordinary weight, one-half teaspoonful three times daily.

Dr. Kase has many a quiet laugh over the queer answers he gets from the dispensary patients. One of the queer ones he heard recently was the following:

Dr. Kase.—“Spell your last name.”

Patient.—“Caint, for I lost my eddication in an attack of pneumonia.”

Mrs. McDougall said that a friend of hers, a board school teacher, had received a note from an irate mother: “Please don’t tell Edith about her inside; she doesn’t like it; and, besides, its rude.”—*London Mail*.

AN EASY METHOD FOR TELLING A GIRL’S AGE.

Girls of marriageable age do not like to tell how old they are; but you can find out by following the subjoined instructions, the young lady doing the figuring: Tell her to put down the number of the month in which she was born, then to multiply it by 2, then to add 5, then to multiply it by 50, then to add her age, then to subtract 365, then to add 115, then tell her to tell you the amount she has left. The two figures to the right will tell you her age, and the remainder the month of her birth. For example, the amount is 822. She is 22 years old and was born in the eighth month (August). Try it.

The Supreme Court of the State of Illinois has decided that a physician can be compelled to give expert testimony for ordinary witness fees.

Even the infant has his trials in life. There are some things that come in his way that it is simply impossible for him to put into his mouth.—*Boston Transcript*.

PIX-CRESOL A FRIEND IN NEED.

Dr. Lancaster, of Rich Hill, Missouri, reports a case of malignant diphtheria coming into his hands that had baffled the ordinary remedial treatment, and continued to grow worse, the membranous deposit becoming very heavy and extremely offensive, making it unbearable to remain long in the patient's presence. All hope was about exhausted when he began using a strong solution of Pix-Cresol as a wash and swab, also administering the same remedy internally, when the offensive odor at once disappeared, the membrane gradually disappearing, and the patient made a good recovery.

CASTRATION FOR HYPERTROPHIED PROSTATE.

Dr. L. S. Pischer said that he had performed castration for hypertrophied prostate upon ten persons, and had followed them for a considerable time after the operation. The operation does not require special skill or preparation. All of the cases were doing well when last heard from. He had been led to accept this operation because of the death-rate following bloody interferences with the prostate when the bladder was open. While fully appreciating the sentimental objection often entertained, he believed that this objection had been very greatly exaggerated, and could be easily overcome by a very little tact on the part of the surgeon. To a man of advanced years suffering from obstructive prostatic hypertrophy, there should be no difficulty in deciding between an operation which involves the dangers just alluded to, and losing the testicles, with a great probability of relief of the urinary obstruction.

DIABETES.

Dr. Koelle, of Boonville, Mo., reports his success with Lactucarium as little less than phenomenal in the treatment of diabetes mel. One very severe case, that had passed out of the hands of several eminent and able physicians in dif-

ferent sections of the country, responded at once to his treatment of 20 drops four times a day. In two weeks was feeling well, and after a few months no trace of sugar could be found. The doctor has established quite a reputation on the strength of this remedy. He also finds it valuable in some forms of cystitis.

Dr. Van Velzer, another very prominent and reliable practitioner, just gives us a report of diabetes. Two pronounced cases cured by the use of Lactucarium. Who next?

LOSS OF HAIR AND DANDRUFF.

Having been troubled with dryness and dandruff of scalp and falling out of my hair, till almost bald, I was persuaded it was due to a parasite and Pix-Cresol was its greatest enemy. So I began using a solution the strength of two tablets to the ounce, twice a week, and the hair is reappearing thick and strong.

Dr. ———.

HE WILL COME BACK.

The Hon. Joseph Medill will return for more magno-mud and health next month.

Dr. E. M. McAfee, the jolly and magnetic medical director of the Indiana Mineral Springs, and the Hon. Joseph Medill, the venerable editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, have become great cronies during the last month. Under the care of Dr. McAfee and the influence of the magno-mud baths, Mr. Medill has progressed very favorably in his convalescence, and when the big doctor drove the great editor to the C. & E. I. station this morning, it was to say "*au revoir*, but not good-bye." Mr. Medill is pleased with the Indiana Mineral Springs because the treatment is giving him renewed health. When interviewed at the station, he said: "When I came down, it was at the recommendation of some of my good friends. My visit was much in the nature of an experiment, and unfortunately the first three weeks of my stay

happened to be marked by exceptionally hot and dry weather, counteracting to an extent the beneficial effects of the magno-mud baths. I was about to leave when the weather became normal, and I decided to stay another week. During that time the improvement in my health has been so marked that I am highly pleased, and have made up my mind to return in November and continue the good work. I intend to make a pilgrimage to the magno-mud cure three or four times a year, regularly."

Mr. Medill feels the necessity of returning to his Chicago desk at this time to take up his virile pen and use it for the advantage of the nation and the discomfiture of his political enemies.—*Attica (Ind.) Evening News.*

HOMEOPATHIC PHARMACOPŒIA.

The old original way is the only way to succeed, and the only correct way; and all attempts to change the laws, regulations, now accepted and uniformly understood rules are bringing chaos, and are not good. They are not good, because they differ from the original. Rev. Dr. Smith, in his beautiful eulogistic address to the graduates of the Kansas City Homeopathic College, reprinted in this issue (see page 85; the speaker here compares the homeopathic doctrine to the allopathic), says:

One striking fact may be mentioned: There is scarcely a disease in which the routine practice has not changed its treatment time and again in the past fifty years. A text-book ten years old is out of date. New remedies are constantly being proposed, lauded, and abandoned. The disagreement of physicians is proverbial.

"Like a prompt sculler, one physician tries

With all his skill, and all his arts he plies.

But two physicians, like a pair of oars,

Will waft you swiftly to the Stygian shores."

On the other hand, the homeopathic remedies suggested a century ago are still in daily use and prescribed for the same symptoms. The writings of the fathers are as valuable to-day as when first written; and nine out of ten homeopathic physicians will give the identical remedy in any given case.

Let us, then, hold on to that which is good, proven to be good; let us honor it, not disturb it or belittle it with questionable theories. Not idiosyncratic but good reason should govern, and certainly it is poor reason to exchange the original success for imperfect, questionable innovations.

Pix-Cresol does not coagulate albumen, therefore wounds and cuts heal promptly and without suppuration.

THE KANSAS CITY HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Graduating Class of '98: William Moore Blair, Herbert A. Browne, Mary E. Clothier, John Vance Cowels, Rebecca V. Ditzler, Davilla N. Goldman, Alletta Goodsell, Harrison M. Grant, Edwin P. Howell, John Humphrey, John F. Martin, Fred Wilhelm Melcher, J. Helen Nolan, Loo B. Van Fossen.

The Commencement exercises of the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical College were held March 24, 1898, in the Coates Opera House. The feature of the evening was the able address by Rev. J. Stewart-Smith, who is also an M.D. The address is given in this issue and is worthy the careful perusal of every homeopath.

The graduating class numbered 14, four ladies and ten gentlemen. The friends of the college and class filled the opera house, and the occasion was quite an event in the history of the college. As indicative of the growth and prosperity of homeopathy in this portion of the West, we devote much space in this number of the "Big Four" to the proceedings connected with the closing week of the college.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The "Big Four" invites correspondence, reports of surgical and clinical cases and experiments.

The "Big Four" has received several requests for Dr. Annette H. Wagner to give her technique and practical experience in her article under "Progress in Medicine" in the March number of the "Big Four" referring to a new treatment, etc. Doctor, send it in.

The Missouri Institute, in electing Dr. F. W. Flower as their president, is to be congratulated. When the office seeks the man, the right man gets in the right place. Dr. F. W. Flower has been practicing medicine in the State of Missouri for many years, is well acquainted with the conditions, and we feel safe in saying that 1899 will record a large and successful State meeting.

The "Big Four," points with pride to the beautiful, strong and masterly address of Rev. Dr. J. Stewart Smith, which is dressed and kept in short, plain, truthful facts, and a grand eulogy on the grand master, our beloved Father Hahnemann. A few more men like Rev. Smith, able and honest, as well as informed and loyal, and attempts to improve the master's instructions handed down would soon disappear. The reading and study of Rev. Dr. Smith's address will not only please every homeopath, but will warm every homeopathic doctor's heart. Read it and be benefited.

The Blakelee Homeopathic Pharmacy Company, of Los Angeles, California, reports excellent success. Nothing else could be expected of the congenial owner. Prompt and courteous in attention, conscientious in his dealings, Dr. Blakelee will make the pharmacy a large concern. A full line of Wise's reliable compress tablets, full strength, standardized mother tinctures and specialties at Kansas City prices. This young business sold over two millions tablets in March and reports demand growing. California homeopathic physicians know how to

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SOCIETY NOTES.

The Kansas State meeting of Homeopathic physicians will take place May 4th, 5th, 6th in Topeka, Kas. President Hutchinson promises a rousing attendance.

The Executive Committee of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association has taken action which postpones the usual May meeting to September 6, 7, 8, 1898.

The Kentucky Homeopathic Medical Society will hold the annual meeting at Frankfort, May 26-27. Officers for 1898: President, Wm. F. Reilly, M.D.; Vice-President, E. H. Griffith, M.D.; Treasurer, J. W. Kirschbaum, M.D.; Secretary, F. W. Fishback, M.D.

The twenty-second annual session of the Missouri Institute of Homeopathy was held at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, April 19, 20, and 21. The following officers were elected for 1898:

President, Dr. F. W. Flower, of Carthage; First Vice-President, Dr. W. W. Westover, of St. Joseph; Second Vice-President, Dr. A. E. Neumeister, of Kansas City; Secretary, Dr. Willis Young, of St. Louis; Treasurer, Dr. Scott E. Parsons, of St. Louis; Provisional Secretary, Dr. L. G. Van Scoyoc, of Kansas City.

At this meeting the Institute passed a series of resolutions, by a unanimous vote, sustaining the Governor in his action in regard to the management of the Insane Asylum at Fulton.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Health. Benjamin F. Bailey, M.D., of Lincoln, is president of the Board.

"1. *Resolved*, That the Nebraska State Board of Health will hereafter recognize the diploma of no foreign college as a basis upon which to issue a State certificate unless the graduate has successfully passed a Government examination and received a certificate entitling him to practice medicine and surgery in the country in which the diploma is issued, or unless he is a licentiate of a recognized college of physicians and surgeons authorized to grant licenses.

"2. No certificate will be issued by this board without letters of recommendation with regard to the moral and professional character of the applicant from at least two reputable medical men who live in Nebraska, or if from non-residents of the State, such letters must be endorsed by reputable medical men of Nebraska."

Dr. J. T. McClanahan, of Boonville, Missouri, sends us an announcement of the annual meeting of the Eclectic Medical Society of Missouri, to be held in parlor "S" of the Midland Hotel, at Kansas City, Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, 1898. The doctor is President this year, and is sparing neither pains nor expense that the meeting may be a success. Officers: President, J. T. McClanahan, M.D., Boonville; Vice-President, G. D. Walker, M.D., Olean; Recording Secretary, W. E. Smith, M.W., Catawissa; Corresponding Secretary, E. L. Standlee, M.D., St. Louis; Treasurer, M. A. Vorbeck, M.D., St. Louis. Board of Censors: A. W. Davidson, M.D.; J. B. Fleet, M.D.; H. D. Quigg, M.D. Press and Publication Committee: E. L. Standlee, M.D.; W. E. Smith, M.D.; E. Younkin, M.D.

MISSOURI VALLEY.

Editor "Big Four":

No meeting of the Missouri Valley Homeopathic Medical Association will

be held during the current year. The opinion of a large majority of the membership is that we join our forces in a patriotic effort to make the institute meeting at Omaha a great and successful gathering. We earnestly request every member of the association to attend the institute meeting at Omaha.

L. C. McElwee, M.D.,
President.

A. M. Linn, M.D.,
Gen. Sec.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMEOPATHY.

Buffalo, February 10, 1898.

My dear Doctor:

The Executive Committee, in whose care the Institute has placed its affairs for the year 1898, sends you this hearty greeting.

With one exception, this is the first time the Institute has ventured farther west than the great Mississippi. The recent rapid growth of homeopathy in the West and the interest in the Western societies promise much for the Omaha attendance. Indeed, the whole present membership, and a large prospective one west of the median line, are already so thoroughly aroused and interested for the coming meeting that their attendance in large numbers is fully assured.

Dr. Wood, as chairman, and his large local committee of all the homeopathic physicians of Nebraska and western Iowa, have shown great activity and enterprise in already perfecting arrangements that we hope will induce you to place yourself and your family under their hospitable care for at least one week.

Scientific research is constantly making discoveries, some of which we find on investigation affect the practice of both the physician and surgeon. In the corridor and in the sessions of the Institute you can have face-to-face discussions on the adaptability of these adjuvants to your practices. But more than all, we want the grasp of fellow-

ship in the common cause of humanity and a noble profession.

Faternally yours,

A. R. Wright., M.D.,
President.

E. H. Porter, M.D.,
Secretary,

THE FULTON ASYLUM.

Dr. J. T. Coombs, superintendent of the Asylum at Fulton, Missouri, has issued the first annual report ever made from that institution. The most notable declaration in the entire report is the following:

"I desire especially to call your attention to the fact that while the number of patients has materially increased, the number of deaths has been one-fourth less than for the corresponding period of last year; and that the number discharged as cured has been one-fifth greater."

Dr. Coombs is doing splendid work, and is fully justifying the confidence reposed in him by Gov. Stephens, as well as making a record that will redound to the credit of homeopathy.—
Medical Era.

Pix-Cresol in the treatment of erysipelas is surprising; I used it every time successfully. I hope never to be without it.
Dr. Cullom.

NEWS.

The annual Polyclinic, or as it is now called, Post Graduate Course of the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical College, has closed and was a fine success. Not only were the attending doctors able to witness a great many interesting surgical operations, but the professors of the other branches delivered good, interesting and instructive lectures. The latter end of the session was so crowded with operative work that it kept the class going the full time.

Dr. A. H. Baldwin, of Coffeyville, Kansas, was elected President of the Alumni Association of Hahnemann

College of Chicago. The doctor is an enthusiastic and successful homeopath, and the association deserves praise for their most excellent selection for the presidency.

Attendance at post-graduate: Wegman, Van Meyer, Frazier, Baldwin, McFarland, Dunlap, Durrant, and others.

Dr. McFarland, of Sedalia, was in the city several days, coming up with a case for consultation and operation with Dr. W. D. Foster. The doctor enjoyed the time, attending post-graduate work.

We are indebted to Drs. T. G. Horne and F. M. Cooper for a copy of the *Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph*, which contains a full account of the Colorado Springs Sanitarium, together with a cut of the building. This is one of the most popular health resorts of the West.

We recently made a visit to the asylum at Fulton Missouri. During an afternoon concert, given by the inmates, several fine selections of instrumental music were rendered in very masterly style, amongst these classical renditions by two new violinists. It is stated by the superintendent, Dr. Coombs, that not too great stress can be laid upon music as a therapeutic agent in the treatment and cure of mental and nervous diseases.

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The official announcement is made that there will be no meeting of the Missouri Valley Homeopathic Medical Association in 1898. All energies will be bent to promoting the interests of the Institute meeting at Omaha.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Evangel.

Medical Argus.

The Medical Council.

The Medical Visitor.

Medical Brief, April.

The Homeopathic News.

Modern Medical Science.

The Medical Fortnightly.

The American X-Ray Journal.

The American Medical Monthly.

The Kansas City Charity Review.

The Twentieth Century Astrologer.

Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Homeopathic Journal of Surgery and Gynecology.

Memorial of R. B. Leach, M.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The North American Journal of Diagnosis and Practice.

Medical Review of Reviews, 252 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The Medical Bulletin, A. F. Davis Co., 117 West 42d Street, New York.

"Arsenization Method of Treating Cholera." U. S. Senate Document No. 111.

Illustrated Descriptive Catalogue of Aseptic Furniture, the Kuy-Scherer Co., New York.

Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, Boston, December 31, 1897.

From the *Kansas City Charity Review* for April we note on the staff of the Old Ladies' Home the names of Dr. Wm. Davis Foster, surgeon; Dr. W. C. Cramer, physician.

Creighton Memorial, 18th Annual Report, St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, December 31, 1897.

This Institution, conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, shows an enormous amount of good work accomplished. The tabulated reports of medical and surgical cases treated is very interesting.

Kansas City Osteopathic Magazine, April.

The objective purpose of Osteopathic treatment is the removal of the *primary* cause, and comprehends *adjusting* life's machinery, setting it in *motion* and *harmonizing* its forces, which being accomplished, the laboratories of the body are capable of manufacturing all the remedial properties conducive to well-being, and the recuperative power of the system restores it to full health and vigor.

Catalogue and Price-list, Wise's Kansas City Homeopathic Pharmacy Co., 1898.

This ninety-six-page catalogue is ornamented with a very fine portrait of Hahnemann, and an excellent one of J. C. Wise, the manager. The contents are cleverly arranged, to which is prefixed a classified and an alphabetical index. This contains also a full list of all new remedies now used in homeopathic practice, alphabetically arranged. The entire work is the finished product, in typography and binding, of the Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company.

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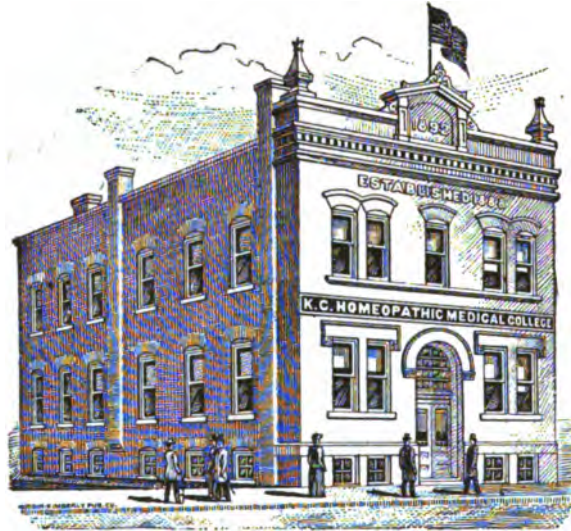
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Identification.....	"	"	Feces.....	"	Tobacco, etc.....	"
Est. of Hemoglo-			Flour.....	8 00 to 5 00	Urine.....	3 00 to 25 00
bine.....	5 00		Gold and Silver Goods.....	1 00 to 6 00	Vinegar.....	1 00 to 3 00
Per cent of Urea.....	10 00		Hair and Scalp.....	"	Vomit.....	5 00 to 25 00
No. of Corpuscles,			Honey.....	3 00 to 5 00	Water.....	5 00 to 60 00
red and white.....	10 00		Ice Cream.....	2 00 to 25 00	Bacteriological Ex-	
Complete Clinical			Lard.....	5 00 to 20 00	amination.....	125 00 to 200 00
Examination.....	"	"	Milk, Cows'.....	1 00 to 25 00	Wax.....	4 00 to 10 00
Bread, Cake, etc.....	3 00 to 10 00		Mothers'.....	5 00 to 10 00	Wines and Liquors.....	3 00 to 15 00
Butter.....	3 00 to 15 00		For Tubercle Ba-		Cements,	
Canned Good.....	3 00 to 13 00		cilli.....	5 00	Clays,	
Cheese.....	5 00 to 25 00		Paper (poisonous		Coal,	
Chemicals, Drugs,			colors).....	2 00 to 3 00	Minerals,	
Medicines.....	"	"	Poison.....	5 00 to "	Ore,	
Cloth and Fabrics.....	3 00 to 10 00		Petroleum.....	2 00 to "	Paint,	
Coloring Matters.....	3 00 to 15 00		Sausage.....	2 00 to 10 00	Rocks, etc.	
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Pix-Cresol solution will combine with solution of Subacet. of Lead, Alum or Zinc sul.

Table of Strength and How to Prepare from Pix-Cresol as Furnished in Solution with each Bottle.

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| IT IS NON-CAUSTIC. | { | A solution of 1 : 300 may be used for dressing wounds without causing irritation. This solution, or one even stronger, may be employed for disinfecting the hands without detriment to the skin. |
| IT IS NOT VOLATILE. | { | Covers wounds and has a lasting effect of disinfection. Keeps in gauze and absorbent cotton for any length of time and does not evaporate like Phenol and similar antiseptics. |
| IT IS NON-TOXIC. | { | When administered internally, it never gives rise to toxic or other disagreeable symptoms. It may be employed with perfect safety in the treatment of cold abscesses by subcutaneous injection. A solution of 1 : 200 makes an excellent mouth-wash or gargle. |
| IT IS VERY DIFFUSIBLE. | { | It promptly dissolves, even in cold water, in any proportion, giving a clear solution. |
| IT DOES NOT COAGULATE ALBUMEN. | { | This is a point of capital importance because, this barrier to its action being absent, Pix-Cresol is enabled to penetrate and permeate the diseased structures without injury to adjacent healthy tissues. This explains the rapid healing of wounds treated by means of Pix-Cresol. |
| IT IS A POWERFUL DEODORIZER. | { | Pix-Cresol possesses a faintly aromatic odor, and when brought into contact with foetid pus or other decomposing substance, promptly and completely removes all offensiveness. |
| IT IS NON-HYGROSCOPIC. | { | Pix-Cresol is not affected by humidity and its solutions remain unchanged for any length of time. The various solutions may therefore be kept ready for instant use. |

These valuable and exclusive properties ensure for Pix-Cresol a wide sphere of usefulness, and in virtue thereof it constitutes a valuable addition to the list of antiseptics and disinfectant agents; indeed, it will be found to fulfill requirements long since experienced by the physician and surgeon alike. Full directions with each bottle.

Pix-Cresol will turn steel or iron black, because of its reaction on these metals, but these stains are easily removed by aid of chalk. Other metals—silver, copper, nickel, tin, etc., are not affected.

Pix-Cresol Solution, per 16-oz. bottle, \$1.00 Net.

Pix-Cresol Tablets, per vial, - - 1.00 Net.

BACTERIOLOGICAL CHART OF THE WONDERFUL ACTIVITY OF PIX-CRESOL.

Amount of Pix-Cresol	Typhoid	Diphtheria	Cholera	Staph. Pyogenes Aureus	Erysipelas
1 in 1,000.....	—	—	—	—	—
1 in 10,000.....	—	—	—	—	—
1 in 15,000.....	+	+	—	—	—
1 in 20,000.....	+	+	—	—	+
1 in 25,000.....	+	+	—	—	+
1 in 30,000.....	+	+	—	+	+
1 in 40,000.....	+	+	+	+	+

The above is a reliable report of bacteriological examinations, chemical analyses and microscopical tests on cultures from European analytical laboratories, and as reproven by Jean Robt. Moechel, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., Dr. Phil. (Leipzig), now analytical chemist and professor of chemistry at the College of Pharmacy at Kansas City, Mo.

PIX-CRESOL.

IS NON-POISONOUS.

A few Tablets of Pix-Cresol dissolved in water make a solution sufficiently strong to destroy all Diphtheritic, Typhoid, Cholera and Erysipelatous Germs. The same solution proves sufficient, as a wash, to remove all odors after obstetrical or surgical operations. See formula.

A few of the many conditions for which it is always successfully used:

Abscesses.	Eczema.	Nettle Rash.
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Acne.	Eyes, Inflammation of.	Placenta , Retained.
Bladder, Catarrh of.	Fevers (bath in 10000).	Ringworm.
Boils.	Gangrene.	Scabies.
Buboes.	Gastritis.	Scalds.
Blepharitis.	Glanders.	Scarlet Fever.
Cancer (of Stomach, full strength, internally).	Gleet.	Scurvy.
Canker Sores.	Gonorrhea.	Septicemia.
Consumption (internally, full strength).	Herpes.	Smallpox.
Caries.	Hemorrhoids.	Suppurations.
Catarrh, Nasal.	Hives.	Sorehead, Tinea Capitis.
Carbuncles.	Influenza.	Tetter.
Chancres.	Itch.	Thrush.
Curetting Uterus.	Irrigation during and after all operations.	Tonsillitis.
Cholera.	Labor (After).	Ulcers.
Comedone.	Leucorrhea.	Urethritis.
Conjunctivitis.	Mamma (Fissured).	Uterus , Diseases of.
Cystitis—Colitis.	Miscarriage (After).	Uterus , Curetting.
Dysentery.	Mouth , Sore or Fetid.	Vagina , Diseases of.
		Wounds.

DIRECTIONS TO MAKE CORRECT STRENGTH WITH EVERY BOTTLE.

For internal treatment of Septicemia, Tuberculous conditions, Zymotic diseases, $\frac{1}{10}$ grain or the 1x strength may be given four times a day, but the 3x or $\frac{1}{1000}$ grain are the favored dose. Always begin with weaker dose, and increase strength gradually to not more than $\frac{1}{10}$ grain.

1000 1-gr. Tablets, $\frac{1}{10}$ gr., \$1.00

5 oz. 1-gr. Tablets, $\frac{1}{1000}$ or 3x, 50c

Pix-Cresol Formulas.

Directions with each bottle.

FOR TREATMENT OF THE GENERATIVE ORGANS:

FOR HYGIENIC DOUCHES.—1-1000—1-2000.

FOR THERAPEUTIC DOUCHES.—1-500—1-200, and stronger.

FOR TAMPONING.—1-50—1-200. (Alum and Glycerin are suggested to be combined.)

GONORRHOIC AFFECTIONS OF THE FEMALE URETHRA, CYSTITIS.—Injections of 1-50—1-1000.

SAME IN MALE DURING ACUTE FLORID STAGE.—1-1500—1-500; later 1-200, and in chronic cases 1-100; and in these treatments Zinc. sul. or Plumb. acet. may be added 1-10.

FOR OBSTETRICAL WORK:

It is impossible to cover all the possible conditions, but in *all* conditions Pix-Cresol may be used in suitable strength with good expectation; for tampon after delivery 1-50 in $\frac{2}{3}$ Water, $\frac{1}{3}$ Glycerin, and if well saturated, the best results will *positively* follow. Same as in curetting, the Pix-Cresol is not only much more agreeable, but forty times safer. Pix-Cresol is invariably, always positive; not so Iodoform, which in itself is objectionable.

FOR SURGICAL WORK:

FOR DOUCHING DURING OPERATION.—1-50000—1-100000.

FOR DRESSING OF FRESH CUTS AND WOUNDS.—1-200—1-2000.

FOR GAUZES.—10 per cent in solution of Water $\frac{2}{3}$, Glycerin $\frac{1}{3}$.

FOR OLD RUNNING SORES OR WOUNDS.—1-200. (Boro-Pix-Cresol should be used to dry the wound.)

FOR PLUGGING OF PUS CAVITIES.—Saturate gauze with 1-10 Pix-Cresol solution, and remember, you can use it *any* place under any conditions. In *all* abdominal or chest surgery use nothing but your Pix-Cresol solution during or after operating. It is an absolute destroyer of the *Staphylococcus pyogenes aureus*. It is astringent, therefore styptic, non-caustic, and is quite anodyne, reducing pain considerably.

CURETTING.—Pix Cresol furnishes the help to make this operation a comparatively easy one; use 1-100—1-150; for tampon same strength $\frac{2}{3}$ Water, $\frac{1}{3}$ Glycerin (no Iodoform whatever).

FOR WASHING THE HANDS.—1—4-1000, as strong as you wish to. It doesn't affect healthy skin whatever. Remarks: Water containing tannin, fruit juices, iron, wine, etc., will turn dark if subjected to Pix-Cresol. *Iron instruments will turn black through reaction*, but are PROMPTLY cleaned with a little wet chalk—*NOT* like bichloride, destructive or lasting. Besides the non-toxic, the great antiseptic, the positive deodorizing properties, remember, Pix-Cresol doesn't coagulate albumen, causing *quick* healing process.

FOR THROAT, NOSE AND EAR TREATMENT:

FOR MOUTH WASH OR GARGLE.—1-500—1-2000.

FOR APPLICATION WITH BRUSH.—2-5 parts Water and 10 parts Glycerin.

FOR SPRAYING.—Depending upon severity and sensitiveness, 1-100—1-1000.

FOR DIPHTHERIA.—1-500—1-10, beginning weak and strengthening gradually within a few hours, will cure promptly in the early stage.

FOR HAY FEVER.—Most gratifying results were obtained when used from the start, 1-250—1-100, as spray, a little Glycerin being added. A few cases reported 5 per cent addition of Alum as recommended.

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PAINFUL TOOTH (TOOTH-ACHE).—Apply a 1-grain tablet into cavity and protect with cotton or wax. Generally cures the pain like magic.

EXTRACTION, AFTER.—1-100. This acts charmingly, soothing and setting the gums quickly.

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FALLING OUT OF THE HAIR, BALDNESS.—1-500—1-2000.
 SCALP DISEASES, PARASITIC.—1-100—1-500.
 TINEA CAPITIS, SCALD HEAD.—1-500—1-2000.
 PERSPIRING FEET.—Wash 1-500—1-1000. (To deodorize, use Boro-Pix-Cresol.)
 WASH FOR SCALP DISEASE.—1-200.
 FOR PARASITIC AFFECTIONS.—1-100—1-500.
 ECZEMA.—1-500—1-5000. Applications should be made every half-hour, or best kept moist by aid of bandages (see Pix-Cresol Ointment and Zinc Oxide).
 DISINFECTION OF SICK-ROOM and as a deodorizer, 1-500—1-1000.
 CLEANING OF NIGHT UTENSILS, ETC.—Dissolve a few tablets in the utensil and let remain.

CANCER.

1-250—1-1000 solution will deodorize promptly the worst form; subcutaneous injections 1-10 to 1-100 are reported as having cured Epithelioma in connection with 1-1000 applications. It is suggested to give 1-10 grain tablets three time a day internally. See internal treatment.

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Crush and apply tablet full strength; compress with Calenduline; repeat twice a day. Hep. sul. 3x internally is reported as sure cure in a few days. Application will smart a few minutes, then procure ease and rest.

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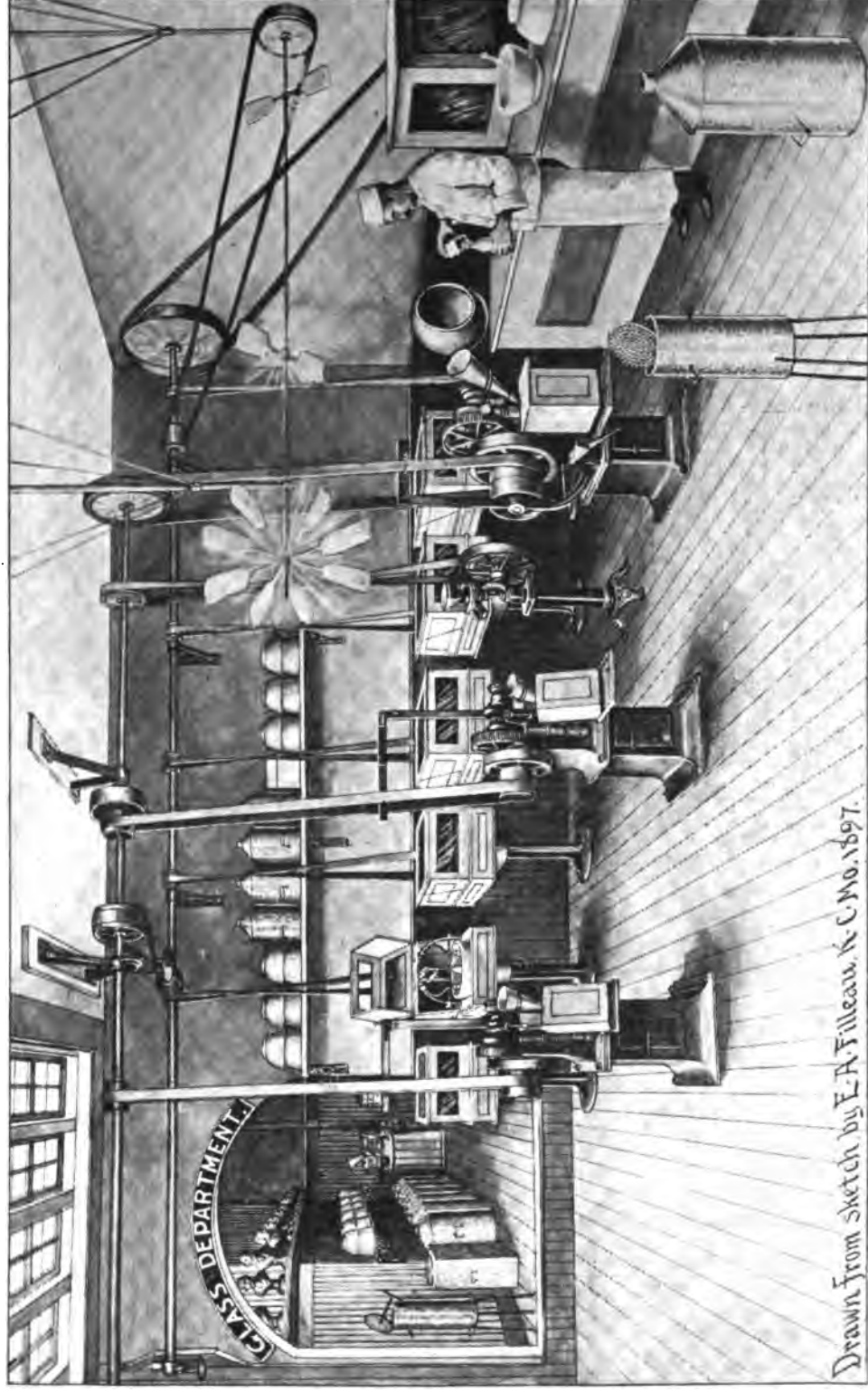
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